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"Surveillance provides information for action." World Health Organization

The WISCONSIN EPI EXPRESS provides a regular update on communicable disease issues of importance in our state and is intended primarily for participants in the public health surveillance system. Please let us know if the topics covered are on target or if there are others that we should be addressing. Thank you.

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1. State TB web site enlarged and improved.

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services Tuberculosis web site has undergone major revisions. The following tuberculosis-related documents are now available on the internet:

- Strategic Plan for the Elimination of Tuberculosis in Wisconsin
- Anti-tuberculosis Therapy Program, Initial Request for Medication (DPH 4000)
- Wisconsin TB Cases by County, 1996-2000
- Slides reviewing Wisconsin TB Case Surveillance Data through 2000
- Guidelines for Establishing Effective Policies, Procedures, and Practices
- TB Fact Sheets

as well as links to other sites related to TB (state, national, and international).

The website may be reached through the DHFS home page

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us>

by clicking on "Programs and Services"
and "Tuberculosis"

or accessed directly at

http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/dph_bcd/TB/

2. TB Program tools for local policy and procedure development.

The Tuberculosis Program is producing a series of tools to assist local health departments in policy and procedure development. These Guidelines for Establishing Effective Policies, Procedures and Practices are written in procedural language for easy adaptation at the local level. Each guideline is presented during a teleconference through the Educational Teleconference Network (ETN) with hard copies available at the TB Program website.
http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/dph_bcd/TB/Resources/TB_resources2.htm

Guidelines presented so far include: Isolation Preparedness and Implementation, Confinement Preparedness and Implementation, and Conducting Comprehensive Contact and Source Case Investigations.

The next guideline covers Accessing Services and Resources for Persons with Suspect or Active Tuberculosis Disease or Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI). The content will be presented twice: April 24 1:00-2:50 and April 30 10:00-11:50 and includes reporting requirements, acquiring medication, and ensuring efficient state-local interactions. A new suspect case data form will be presented to assist intake information gathering.

Local health departments will receive more information about the ETN from their regional office in the next 2 weeks. Other interested agencies should contact their local health department for more information.

3. Wisconsin HIV pediatric medical care guide published on the Internet.

The HIV pediatric medical care guide *Caring for Infants, Children, Adolescents, and Family with HIV Infection*, previously published by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, is now published on the Internet website of the Medical College of Wisconsin at <http://www.mcw.edu/peds/infectdis/>. This resource is also available through a hyperlink on the website of the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aids-hiv/index.htm>. The authors of the guide are Peter Havens, MS, MD and Barbara Cuene, RN, MSN (Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee), David Waters, MD (16th Street Community Health Center, Milwaukee), Ken McIntosh, MD (The Children's Hospital, Boston), and Ram Yogev, MD (Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago). The web-based edition of the guide is a "living document" and gives health care providers immediate access to the most current recommendations and guidelines for clinical management of HIV infection in infants, children, and adolescents.

4. Fact sheet on surveillance of health care workers with HIV/AIDS.

CDC's new fact sheet "Surveillance of Health Care Workers with HIV/AIDS" provides surveillance information on occupationally-acquired HIV. It is available from the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention website at:
www.cdc.gov/hiv/pubs/facts/hcwsurv.htm

5. Department of Health and Family Services announces intent to release HIV prevention request for proposals.

On March 20, 2001, the Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health, released a Request for Information (RFI) announcing its intent to award approximately \$2.8 million in HIV prevention funds through a competitive request for proposals (RFP) process. The funds will be contracted for the calendar year 2002. HIV prevention funds will be available for designated prevention strategies directed at target populations identified in Wisconsin's *2001 Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan*. The RFP will result in new prevention services that will address the needs of populations most impacted by HIV infection.

The timetable for the RFP application and grant award process is as follows:

April 11, 2001	Feedback due on RFI
May 9, 2001	Division of Public Health releases RFP
May 2001	Bidders' Conference(s)
July 13, 2001	Proposals due from grantees by 2:00 PM
September 5, 2001	Notification of grant awards
November 2001	contracts finalized
January 1, 2002	services begin under new contracts

For additional information regarding the HIV prevention RFP, contact Tatiana Dierwechter at 608-264-6514 or dierwt@dhfs.state.wi.us (e-mail).

6. New CDC hepatitis and HIV prevention guidelines to be released by CDC.

New CDC hepatitis and HIV prevention guidelines should be available by this summer. The updated US Public Health Service guidelines for management of occupational exposures to hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and HIV including recommendations for postexposure prophylaxis were submitted to the MMWR on February 1, 2001. Generally, new CDC Recommendations and Reports take 8 to 12 weeks to publish.

7. Information on documentation and medical management of significant exposures on website of Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program.

The AIDS/HIV Program has posted information regarding documentation of significant exposures to HIV and information resources for medical management of exposures to HIV, HBV and HCV on the program website:

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aids-hiv/Resources/SignifExpoResour.pdf> .

8. Internet-based information resources on medical and infectious waste from the Department of Natural Resources Internet website.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Internet website contains important information resources regarding medical and infectious waste. The DNR Waste Management Program webpage on medical and infectious waste includes information regarding medical/infectious waste publications, medical and infectious waste information contacts in Wisconsin, related administrative codes and state statutes, frequently asked questions, and links to other medical waste web sites. This DNR webpage is located at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/wm/medinf/>

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